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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1638
PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

NARENDRA S. YADAV

CASE NO.: CL1127 US CIP 1

APPLICATION NO.: 09/715294

CONFIRMATION NO.: 5868

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

EXAMINER: MEHTA, A

FILED: NOVEMBER 17, 2000

FOR: HERITABLE VIRAL EXPRESSION SYSTEM IN PLANTS

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated October 26 2004, and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination filed, herewith.

This response and amendment is filed outside the shortened three month statutory period for response. A request for a three month extension of time, including the appropriate fee accompanies this response.

It is respectfully submitted that entry of the present response and amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 as it:

- (i) places the application in condition for allowance;
- (ii) does not raise any new issues requiring further search of consideration; and
- (iii) places the application in better form for appeal (if necessary).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.